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Law and Justice.

Report of the Committee to make suggestions regarding the separation of executive and judicial functions.

8 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Committee appointed to make suggestions regarding the separation of executive and judicial functions has been received and whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to publish the same for public criticism;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that if the main recommendations of the Committee are accepted, they will lead to a redistribution of the jurisdiction of all the present revenue and criminal officers?

A.—(*a*) The report of the Committee has been received and will be placed before the Council as soon as possible together with a statement of the Government's views thereon.

(*b*) The recommendations of the Committee would necessitate an alteration in the jurisdiction of practically every Revenue Divisional Officer and Subdivisional Magistrate. A certain amount of alteration in the jurisdiction of subordinate magistrates would also be required.

Mr. S. Satyamurti:—"May I ask the hon. Law Member whether instead of the vague phrase 'as soon as possible' he can give us an approximate idea of the time when he hopes to place a statement of the Government's views thereon on the table?

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"I have just revised the draft order and it is probably in the press now."

Local Self-Government.

Levy of railway cess by district boards.

9 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the district boards that were levying a railway cess until the new Local Boards Act of 1920 was passed and put into force;

(*b*) the district boards that ceased to levy the railway cess after the new Act came into force, the reasons for the discontinuance of the cess, the total sum accumulated till then to the credit of each of these boards and the arrangements, if any, made for its disposal; and

(*c*) the district boards that are at present levying the railway cess and the amount that remains under that head to the credit of each of them?

A.—(*a*)

(1) Arcot, South.	(6) Guntur.	(12) Salem.
(2) Coimbatore.	(7) Kistna.	(13) South Kanara.
(3) Cuddapah.	(8) Kurnool.	(14) Tinnevelly.
(4) Ganjam.	(9) Madura.	(15) Trichinopoly.
(5) Godavari.	(10) Nellore.	(16) Vizagapatam.
	(11) Ramnad.	

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